

Village of Sackets Harbor
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Minutes of April 10, 2012

Board Members present: Mayor Eric Constance, Deputy Mayor Daniel Frechette, Trustee Lawrence Barone, Trustee Peter Daly, and Trustee John LaDuc.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Eric Constance with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public hearing on the 2012-2013 Village Budget was opened at 6:32 pm. Mayor Constance recapped some of the major points in the budget i.e: Ontario Shores Water Debt is now \$190 up from \$175, and their Sewer Debt will be \$430 down from \$435. The Town of Hounsfield water charges will be \$3.00 per thousand gallons. Village water users will be charged \$115 for the first 5,000 gallons, down from \$125 and sewer use will be \$145, down from \$150.

Gary Gibson – Dodge Ave - stated that he was glad to see a decrease in the Village water and sewer rates.

Hearing no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:40pm in a motion made by Trustee LaDuc and seconded by Trustee Barone and carried.

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was created by Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the “Act”), and

WHEREAS, The Agency has agreed to acquire from Lawler Realty LLC (the “Company”), certain property consisting of 22.40 acres located at Madison Barracks, Sackets Harbor, New York, with an address of 85 Worth Road, in the Town of Hounsfield more particularly described in the PILOT Agreement, and

WHEREAS, The Agency has agreed to lease the property to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement by and between the Agency and the Company, and the Company intends to construct on the property a multifamily rental project consisting of 90 rental units, and

WHEREAS, The Agency and the Company agree and acknowledge that the property is subject to certain local land use control laws, that the property is part of a Planned Development District pursuant to those laws, and that preliminary subdivision and site plan approvals governing the development of the property and lands adjacent thereto have been issued, subject to the fulfillment by the Company of certain obligations under the terms thereof, and the obligations set forth in an infrastructure agreement entered into by the Village of Sackets Harbor and the Company, dated September 13, 2011, concerning the installation, renovation and completion of infrastructure serving the property, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 874(1) of the Act, and Section 412(A) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the Agency is exempt from the payment of taxes and assessments imposed upon real property and improvements owned by it other than special ad valorem levies, special assessments and services charges against real

property located in Jefferson County which are or may be imposed for special improvements or special district improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sackets Harbor has determined that the Project is in the best interest of the Village and deems it appropriate for the Agency to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement making provision for payments in lieu of taxes by the Company to the Agency for the benefit of the respective taxing jurisdictions within which the property is located in substantially the same form as presented at this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Sackets Harbor hereby consents to the Agency entering into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Lawler Realty LLC, provided that the Company and the Agency, their successors and assigns, shall agree to comply in all respects with the terms and conditions of the local land use control laws, any prior approvals thereunder, and the infrastructure agreement referenced above, as now existing, and as such may be amended from time to time, that may pertain to the property, and further provided that the Company and the Agency shall agree to execute any amendments and assignments necessary to transfer the obligations set forth in the infrastructure agreement and land use control laws referenced above to any successor or assignee of the Company's or the Agency's interest in, ownership, use or control of the property, and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the consent to said Agreement on behalf of the Village of Sackets Harbor.

The Board presented a Resolution for the PILOT Program with Lawler Realty. The program allows the JCIDA to acquire from Lawler Realty 22.40 acres located at Madison Barracks. The Agency will lease the property to Lawler Realty to construct a multifamily rental housing project. The motion was presented by Mayor Constance a roll call vote was made: Mayor Constance, and all Trustees voted aye with no nay votes, resolution was adopted.

Minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved in a motion made by Trustee Frechette, seconded by Trustee Daly, with the following amendments, change Trustee Battista to Trustee LaDuc, and Trustee LaDuc reported that he had stated that the public informational meeting for the Joint Rec Commission will be held some time in May not April.

Mayor's Report

The Village is hosting a reception for the new sewer plant, the new DPW garage and the Police department building. The Board decided that May 22 from 12-3 would be a good date and time. Invitations will be forthcoming.

Correspondence

- Letter from Senator Patty Ritchie regarding the mandate relief in the State budget which should reduce taxes
- Reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be October 20, 2012 at the Watertown Fairgrounds. Notice will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Received a request from Norm Hunneyman that the Library Board would like the LDC to look at the Library securing at \$45,000 loan to pay off their mortgage and pay the LDC at a 2% interest rate.

- Received correspondence from Aubertine & Currier regarding Morgia's Beach water project which provided a summary of the cross-country pipe bedding inspection that was completed on April 5, 2012.
- Received letter from Norm Hunneyman expressing his appreciation for establishing Parkinson Awareness month in the Village.
- Received an e-mail from Randy Crawford stating they begin to do renovations on Christ Episcopal Church in about 8 weeks.
- Received request from Jan Maas asking if the DPW could pour a concrete pad on the Historical Society property between the building and the sidewalk to hold an interpretive sign. The DPW will work with Jan and Larry Barone on this.
- Received a letter from Corey Reid, of Bernier Carr to Dave Rarick of the DEC and Claude Curley of the Health Department stating that the work for the Sewage Treat Plant has been completed.
- Letter from Travelers Insurance thanking us for choosing them.
- Received a letter from the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with a certified copy of their Resolution supporting the Interstate 98 Corridor.
- Received an e-mail from Mike Mannigan at Rural Development scheduling a site visit for July 24 with Vera and Cindy from Rural Development Headquarters at the treatment plant.
- Received a Yellow Ribbon Event schedule from Madison Barracks for Made in New York Event on July 7, 2012.
- Received an e-mail from Bureau of Public Works stating that they are screening open jobs on the Prevailing Wage System and are requesting if the Treatment Plant is finished that we have it removed from their list of uncompleted projects.
- Received a list of recommendations for the Village Web Site upgrade.
- Received a letter from Youngs Explosives stating they would like to do our July 4th fireworks this year.
- Letter from Time Warner Cable stating that they are doing an internal restructuring in our Village.
- Memo from Mike Campbell stating that the next Marketing Committee meeting will be held on April 19 at 8:30 AM at the Bank Building.
- Memo from the North Country Running Group stating they will be hosting a meeting on April 17 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building regarding the 1812 Challenge ½ marathon.
- Received a letter from Harborside Services stating she was very upset to hear that the Village is using an out of town web developer to update our web site.
- Received a letter from the NYSDEC stating that they have received the final engineering report and plans for the sanitary sewer extension to serve Lakeview Estates at Madison Barracks and have approved them.

Mayor's Report Cont'd)

- The Zoning Rewrite Committee has had their final meeting and hope to present the new Zoning Law to the Board at the May meeting.
- The property easements for the Bicentennial trail have been completed and checks to the property owners mailed out. Dave Altieri will be contacting interested individuals for the Trail Inspector position.
- Visitor's Center upgrade is progressing.

- Soil testing form Morgia's Beach has been done and awaiting results. Kris Dimmick reported that they need to complete the filling, cleaning and pressure testing of the pipe line. The Attorneys need to get together to have the Village take possession of the water line. They hope to be in full service some time in May.
- Brush pick up days for the DPW will be April 30 to May 4.
- Mayor received notice that there has been some damage to the Stone Hospital. Dave Altieri will look into it.
- A motion was made by Trustee Barone to have the Village give \$5,500 towards Fourth of July fireworks, seconded by Trustee LaDuc. Vote 5-0; all in favor.
- The Board will soon start advertising for the Marketing Director's position. This position is contingent on the following items:
 1. That \$15,000 will be budgeted from the Village; \$15,000 budgeted from the Town, and \$2,500 budgeted from the Chamber.
 2. That all three entities will be involved in the hiring and firing.
 3. That all three entities will work on the goals and objectives of the position.
- A motion was made by Mayor Constance to accept these three items, seconded by Trustee Daly and carried.
- Mayor Constance reported that Eileen Townsend has volunteered to assist Jim Powers with the flowers for the three Village entrances. Trustee Barone will coordinate with the DPW on the hanging baskets.
- Mayor reported that the Gazebo is in need of painting and lighting replaced. He also asked what has to be done to have some of the Historical Markers throughout the Village replaced or worked on.
- Trustee Barone reported to the Mayor that Kelly Reinhardt had asked the County for permission to plant some trees in the right-of-way along Broad Street and was told no it couldn't be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Bardon asked at the March 14 meeting for the composition of fluoride in our water and still has not had an answer. She has talked with Greg Ingerson of DANC and Claude Curley of the Health Department, but seems to be getting nowhere. The DPW will mail her the MSDS sheet.

Mark Pacillio stated that the school has just started their annual plant sale and that perhaps the Village could buy the plants for the three entrances from the school.

Connie Barone asked if the Mayor was going to respond to her letter that was on the agenda. Mayor apologized for skipping over her letter. She is requesting \$1,000 from the Village's War of 1812 Bicentennial funds for the Battlefield's current New York Council for the Humanities War of 1812 bicentennial matching grant. Dave Altieri reported that the Alliance would also like to request \$650

from the same fund for advertising in the Visitor's Guide. A motion was made by Trustee Barone, seconded by Trustee Frechette to give the \$1650 from the 1812 Bicentennial funds.

Robert Giles, 108 Edmund Street, would like the Village to look at perhaps making Edmund Street from Dodge Ave, to Ambrose a one-way street as there is no sidewalk on that section and it is hazardous from anyone walking or riding a bicycle in the section.

Helene Stewart-Rainville, 212 Edmund Street, reported that April is military child month and that her son had written a letter to Mayor Constance and read the letter at the January meeting but the Mayor has not responded in writing to that letter. She feels the Mayor is ignoring the letter because her son is a military child. She was then asked to sit down and say no more but continued as her 5 minutes were not up yet. Mayor then asked her to sit down and continued with the public comment period.

Kelly Gould, Harbor Heights reported that the Sackets Harbor Health Center has closed and asked if the Village could do anything at all possible to perhaps get another doctor to open a clinic in Sackets. Mayor Constance reported that he has been in contact the Corry Lawler and that they are working with Samaritan Medical Center to perhaps open up a health center in the Barracks as soon as renovated space is available. Trustee Frechette will follow up with Lawler on this and will let the Village Clerk know the outcome.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Frechette

- Had a meeting with Correy Lawler and has spoken to Trustee LaDuc to move the little kids from playing ball at Peanut Park to the Barracks. Correy said they will open the Health Center for bathrooms but the Village will need to purchase a portable back stop. Trustee LaDuc made a motion to give Trustee Frechette permission to purchase a portable back stop to cost no more than \$2,000 with the funds to come from the Joint Recreation monies. Motion seconded by Trustee Barone and carried.

Trustee Barone

- Kelly Reinhardt is coordinating Arbor Day with the planting a bicentennial commemorative tree.
- Dave Alteri is working on getting the Visitor's Center exhibits refurbished and new media equipment for showing the "Harbor of Destiny" DVD.
- Pickering Beach Museum needs painting and rotted wood repaired on the porches.
- Marketing Committee is requesting the Mayor to appoint Kevin Smith to the Marketing Advisory Committee. Kevin was appointed by the Mayor.
- The Marketing Committee recommends that the Village drop the connection to the web TripAdvisor as statistics shows that traffic to the Sackets Harbor.com site are negligible.
- Reported that all 36 bicentennial banners have been sold and committed.

Trustee LaDuc

- Was asked by Pat Schwarz if the Village could facilitate the removal of 4 very large containers of cooking oil from the back side of Crissy Beanz.
- Asked if there was a list of volunteer groups, such as scouts, organizations, etc. would do clean up throughout the Village. Was told there could possible be insurance issues if we had volunteers.
- The Joint Recreation Committee is still planning a public meeting in May.

Trustee Daly

- Working on the reconstruction of the old DPW shop for the Fire Department, also working on getting the rec fields in shape.

Treasurer's Report

The April treasurers report was approved in a motion made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Daly. Budget transfers were approved by the Board in a motion by the Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Daly.

DPW Report

John Madlin reported that they will be replacing the sidewalk in front of the Tot Lot and Doris Beach's residence.

He will coordinate with the Historical Society on mowing the lawn before Friday's dedication.

Visitor's Center Report

Gail Gorgen reported that the quilt show was a huge success with over 800 visitors at the Mansion that day.

May 11th will be Patriot Pride Day.

Village Engineer's Report

Kris Dimmick reported that the designs for the Water Plant have been given to the Health Department.

Kris Dimmick reported that the Village was presented with the NYWEA's Sustainability Award and has sent the Village's name in for a National Award, hope to have good news on that.

Planning Board Report

Another quiet month for the Planning Board. Only one new permit on the agenda for this month.

Library Report

The Library has had their funding reduced to the 1994 level of about \$1500 from the State. Their annual association meeting will be held on April 26 at 7:00 PM at the Library.

Chamber of Commerce

Working on the guide and making changes to benefit the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Gibson asked why they would have the reception for the Treatment Plant, DPW and Police in the afternoon when most are working, why not in the evening. Mayor will look into a good time for all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully,

Karen Williams
Deputy Village Clerk